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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: September 8, 2008

SUBJECT: Repeal of 22 VAC 15-10-10 et seg.

Public Participation Guidelines

Final Regulation 22 VAC 15-11-10 et seq.

Public Participation Guidelines

I have reviewed the proposed repeal of 22 VAC 15-10-10 *et seq.*, Public Participation Guidelines. I also have reviewed the final regulation 22 VAC 15-11-10 *et seq.*, Public Participation Guidelines, which is being proposed to replace 22 VAC 15-10-10 *et seq.* I have reviewed these actions to determine if the proposed regulation exceeds the statutory authority of the Child Day Care Council ("Council").

It appears that the Council has the authority to promulgate the final regulation, subject to compliance with the provisions of Article 2 of the APA, and has not exceeded that authority. The changes to the regulation are necessary to reflect the changes in Code by the adoption of Chapter 321 of the 2008 Acts of Assembly, which requires agencies to adopt model public participation guidelines. Pursuant to § 2.2-4006(A)(4)(a) of the Virginia Code, this action by the Council is exempt from the requirements of the APA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 786-0095.